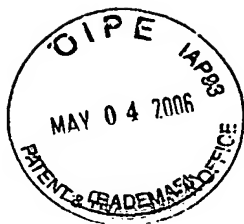


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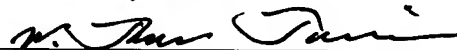
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In response to the Restriction Requirement for Claim 26 dated December 12, 2005 and the further requirement dated March 31, 2006, which fell due on a Sunday and is, therefore, due on Monday, May 1, 2006, Applicant provisionally elects "epoxies."

First, Applicant respectfully points out that the claims pending in the application identified above are 1 - 28 as shown in the published application US 2005/0001339 A1, published January 6, 2005, and not 1-26 as referenced in the Office Action.

Applicant believes that the restriction requirement is in error and traverses the requirement. When searching the Patent and Trademark Office web site for both "selected from the group" under the category "claims" AND "polymer" under the category "claims," 68, 746 patents were found with both terms. Checking some of the recent patents, we have: